

PATENT APPLICATION

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Lysine 2,3-Aminomutase
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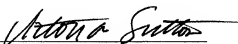
Dear Examiner:

I, Dr. Victoria Sutton, state and declare that:

1. In 1997 I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Western Michigan University. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 2004 . During my doctoral research, I performed numerous sequence alignments.
2. I am a temporary employee of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.
3. I performed a sequence alignment of the lysine 2,3-aminomutase polypeptide sequences disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/847,010 in conjunction with Eric Cabot using the BLOSUM62 scoring matrix as implemented in ClustalW, using the program's default parameters. (See Thompson, J.D., Higgins, D.G. and Gibson, T.J. (1994) CLUSTAL W: improving the sensitivity of progressive multiple sequence alignment through sequence weighting, positions-specific gap penalties and weight matrix choice. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 22:4673-4680.) These algorithms or similar ones were publicly available on or before May 1, 2001, the filing date for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/847,010. The counterpart amino acid of each sequence was compared at each position of SEQ ID NO: 2, the clostridial lysine 2,3-aminomutase.

4. The resulting alignment of the sequences at each position of the clostridial lysine 2,3-aminomutase enzyme is shown in the Appendix. The first column lists each amino acid position in the clostridial lysine 2,3-aminomutase enzyme, and the second column lists the clostridial amino acid at that position. The third column shows each counterpart amino acid in the seven other lysine 2,3-aminomutase sequences for each clostridial position; dashes indicate the absence of a counterpart amino acid. The final column shows the percent sequence identity among all eight sequences.
5. Based on percent sequence identity, the alignment shows which positions are likely to be tolerant or intolerant of amino acid substitutions. Thus, for example, positions 48-52, 54-58, 87-95, 140-152, 215-217, 267-270, and 373-382 have low sequence identity (50% or less), indicating a likely tolerance for amino acid substitutions. By contrast, residues 124, 128, 129, 131, and 133 are all 100% conserved and are unlikely to tolerate even a conservative amino acid substitution well.
6. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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APPENDIX

SB4 Amino Acid Position	SB4 Amino Acid	Amino acids of other lysine 2,3- aminomutases	% Sequence Identity
1	M	--AL---	33.33
2	I	--EK---	33.33
3	N	--SN---	66.67
4	R	--RK---	66.67
5	R	--RW---	66.67
6	Y	--KY---	66.67
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